

## SecDef addresses BRAC

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – As the military confronts the "new demands of the war against extremism and other evolving challenges in the world," the Defense Department's recommendations for base realignments and closures are necessary, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld told the commission considering DoD's proposals Monday.

Rumsfeld and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers testified before the BRAC Commission today. Both men stressed the joint approach taken in forming this year's BRAC recommendations.

Myers said the emphasis on joint warfighting "improves our efficiency and improves our warfighting capability."

He also said the recommenda-

tions that DoD delivered to the commission last week include an important focus on the reserve components. "The recommendations will help the reserve components modernize, improve their mobilization processes and transform for the 21st century security environment."

Finally, the recommendations take into account the changed security environment that stresses the department's homeland defense mission and force protection concerns, the chairman said.

Rumsfeld said the jointness implicit in the recommendations makes it extremely difficult to pull just one base or installation out of a proposal. "The department recognizes that operating jointly reduces overhead costs, improves efficiency and facilitates cooperative training and research," he said.

"And I would suggest that one

must be careful about taking a selective look at individual components or pieces of these recommendations without considering how these components or pieces fit into the larger whole."

Personnel involved in the two-and-a-half-year DoD BRAC recommendation effort sorted through 25 million bits of information in making their appraisals, Rumsfeld said. When the recommendations came to him for approval, the secretary said, he approved them intact.

Those recommendations would close 33 major bases and realign 29 others out of some 318 major bases in the United States. "They would close a bit less than 10 percent of major U.S. military facilities and realign some 9 percent if the recommendations are ap-

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Photo by Gunnery Sgt. Kent Flora

A steel casket, carried by the Body Bearer section from Marine Barracks Washington, is carefully raised and lowered during the interment ceremony honoring the three Marines and one Sailor killed during a reconnaissance patrol May 10, 1967 in the Quang Tri Province of South Vietnam.

## MCLB Barstow recommended for realignment

By Brig. Gen. Eugene Payne

LOGCOM Commander

I feel certain that you have heard that Donald Rumsfeld has released the recommendations for Base Realignment and Closure list. You know that Albany is scheduled for a net gain and that Barstow is on the list for some realignment. The positive side is that the Marine Corps and the other armed services are being reshaped and right-sized to meet the anticipated needs of the future. It is also important to remember that this list is only the first gate of several that may alter the bottom line.

The Marine Corps Logistics Command enterprise including Marine Corps Logistics Bases Albany, Barstow, and the Blount

Island Command, are not going away. The bases will remain in place and the outstanding and superior support that you have always provided to the Marine Corps will continue. There will be some realignment at MCLB Barstow, and while we will be analyzing that impact, today we believe it to be minor.

This list can change as it passes through the next stages in the process. Now that the recommendations are out, the commission will hold public hearings and examine the recommendations. The commission process runs through September 2005. The commission then sends the list to the president who can approve or disapprove all closures and realignments. If the president approves the list, the list then

goes to Congress. The House and Senate have 45 legislative days to disapprove the list. If they do nothing, it is automatically approved. Generally speaking, under the BRAC statute, actions to close or realign a base must be initiated within two years of the date the president transmits the BRAC Commission's recommendations to Congress and must be completed within six years of that same date.

More information on the BRAC process, including answers to frequently asked questions, can be found at [www.defenselink.mil/brac](http://www.defenselink.mil/brac).

The work you do within LOGCOM is extremely important and with certainty you have much to be proud of. BRAC is about consolidation, some positions may move

to other locations in order to streamline operations. Some positions may be abolished, but hopefully, normal attrition will take care of a good many of the affected positions.

When more details and information becomes available, you will be advised and provided with whatever appropriate Human Resources information applies, including information regarding placement programs, retraining, readjustment assistance, benefits and entitlements. Although the BRAC process is still incomplete and the list subject to change, this

command will be proactive and assess impact, look into opportunities, processes and procedures, and do all legally possible to ease the transition.



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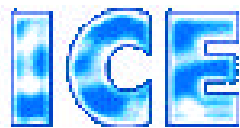
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or MCLB Barstow at:

<https://www.barstow.usmc.mil/>





Comments, questions or concerns filed with the base Interactive Customer Service Evaluation system are automatically routed to the service provider and the service provider can respond directly.

To access the ICE Web site, visit the MCLB Barstow Web site at [www.mclbonline.barstow.usmc.mil](http://www.mclbonline.barstow.usmc.mil)

and click the ICE logo.

The ICE system is designed to put customers of the base service providers in contact with the managers of the services. Sometimes issues come up that the managers would like to respond to personally, but the customer does not leave any contact information.

Below is an open letter about a comment received from ICE about a base housing issue that did not contain contact information.

## Manager's Response:

The Marine Corps Logistic Base Barstow housing staff strives to always meet your housing needs. Due to our proximity to Fort Irwin and Daggett Airfield, we house some Army personnel in addition to Marines and Sailors. However, our first priority remains to Marines stationed here. The housing office recently received a comment in ICE from a customer who was not sat-

isfied with our services to Marines.

We would like to address this individual's concern but no contact information was provided. If you are this individual or if you are someone who has any concern whatsoever regarding housing, we welcome your comments. Please contact David Madrid, housing manager, at 577-6872 or Lt. Cmdr. Thomas Hunt, I&L director, at 577-6437 or email at [thomas.hunt@usmc.mil](mailto:thomas.hunt@usmc.mil).

## Chaplain's Corner

# Putting action to conviction

By Lt. j.g. Tavis Long  
Base Chaplain

On May 28, 1937 at noon, President Franklin D. Roosevelt pushed a button in Washington D.C. sending a telegram, and giving permission for the first vehicle to cross the Golden Gate Bridge.

The magnificent, vermilion orange structure that linked San Francisco with Marin County, California, was the product of four years of labor. Joseph Baerman Strauss, the chief engineer, completed the project within the 35 million dollar budget, which was quite a significant feat considering the United States was still entangled in the Great Depression. Today, the bridge still spans the waterway known as the Golden Gate and is a symbol of beauty on the San Francisco Bay.

Though the bridge was completed under budget, it still provided a challenge to Strauss and his men. Safety was, perhaps, Strauss' main concern. Therefore, he developed some new standards of safety for his men. Hard hats were issued and daily sobriety tests were taken to ensure that his workers were cared for and the work could continue without

delay. This was especially important since at that time it was estimated that for every one million dollars spent one person would lose his life.

Working atop the bridge was, indeed, very dangerous. Sixty mile per hour winds pulled at the men working atop the edifice. To fall meant certain death, for the swirling waters of the Golden Gate were merciless. The bridge towers stood almost 750 feet above the water and if a worker lost his footing he would plummet into the water with the affect of a car hitting a cement wall going 80 miles per hour. The men spent most of their time and energy not on their work, but rather on mere survival.

Strauss realized this dilemma and pulled his head engineers together to figure out a means of increasing productivity and ensuring his worker's safety. Finally, they



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### Chapel Services

**Protestant**  
Sunday 8:30 a.m.

### Catholic Mass

St. Joseph's Catholic Church  
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Barstow  
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9:30, 10:30 a.m. English

### Jewish Services

Congregation Bamidar Shel Ha-Am  
130 Eastgate Road  
Barstow  
Saturdays 10 a.m.

## Just doing my job ...



Photo by Cpl. Jeremy Gadow

Malcolm Sims, heavy mobile equipment mechanic, uses a small cammer to align leaf springs in the intake and exhaust unit for an amphibious assault vehicle. Sims has worked at the Maintenance Center for 13 years and says he enjoys "trying to support the Marines."

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# News Briefs

## Semper Fi Fund

During May 2004, the injured Marine Semper Fi Fund was founded by four active duty Marine Corps spouses. Since then, the fund has given more than \$1 million to more than 750 families through financial grants.

The Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund provides financial grants and other assistance to the Marines, Sailors and families of those injured serving the nation.

The fund works closely with the Marine Corps, the Navy and hospitals nationwide to identify and assess the needs of specific families.

The fund is a non-profit organization and all donations are tax-deductable.

To learn more about the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund or to learn about how to donate, visit their Web site at [www.SemperFiFund.org](http://www.SemperFiFund.org).

## NHCP Implements CHCS II

Branch Medical Clinic, Barstow, will upgrade its medical records system to a state of the art computerized program from late May through June.

Any previously scheduled appointment needing to be moved to facilitate this upgrade will have priority in the new schedule being developed to allow for training of the medical clinic staff.

The new program is called the Composite Health Care System, version two. It allows all documentation of a patient's visit to be stored in the computer and allows providers to see all care completed at other military treatment facilities as well.

To minimize the impact on patients, implementation of CHCS II will be conducted in different clinics at varying times.

For a complete schedule of clinics and their implementation dates, visit the hospital Web site at [www.enhcp.com](http://www.enhcp.com) or contact Lt. Cmdr. George

Cullen at 577-6491 or e-mail him at [GPCullen@cpen.med.navy.mil](mailto:GPCullen@cpen.med.navy.mil).

## Kindergarten Round-up

The Barstow Unified School District is scheduled to hold kindergarten admissions at Henderson, May 20 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

In order to admit a child in kindergarten, parents need to bring immunization records, birth certificates, a physical exam if completed, social security numbers and proof of residency.

## DEFY Volunteers Needed

MCLB Barstow is looking for a few motivated individuals to assist with the Department of the Navy's Drug Education For Youth program. The DEFY program provides 9-12 year old youths of military and civilian DOD employees the life skills they need to avoid involvement in drugs, gangs and crime during a summer camp and year-long mentoring activities.

For DEFY to be successful, it needs volunteers from military members, their spouses, and civilian DOD employees in the area.

DEFY provides positive role model mentoring and community outreach to improve the quality of life of military personnel and their families.

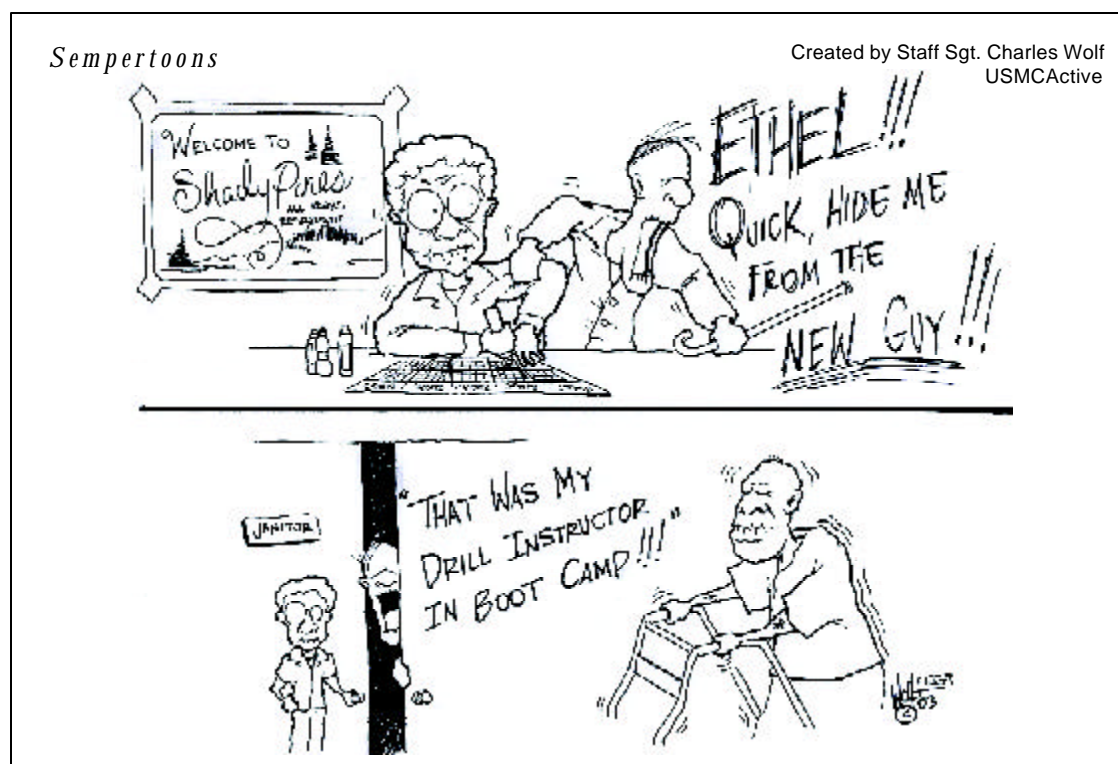
It is designed to produce graduates with character, leadership and confidence to engage in positive, healthy lifestyles as drug-free citizens.

Anyone interested in volunteering or having their children participate in the DEFY program from can contact RP1 Casey Orndorf at 577-6849. Visit the DEFY Web site at [www.hq.navy.mil/defy](http://www.hq.navy.mil/defy).

## Cover Design Contest

The 2005 Combined Federal Campaign Brochure Cover Design Contest is now accepting entries.

Artists ages 5 through 15



must have their entries turned in by June 24 to the Public Affairs office in building 15.

The theme for this year's contest is "Life in America."

The design must be a color design, and must fit on a horizontal 8 inch by 11 inch sheet of paper.

Prizes for the best designs will be awarded by age groups.

Both age groups, ages five through nine and ages 10 through 15, will receive their design posted on the cover of the brochure and a \$50 savings bond for second place. For first place entries, artists will receive their design posted on the brochure, a \$50 savings bond and four tickets to Scandia.

## Summer Day Camp

The Desert Discovery Center, located at 831 Barstow Rd., will be hosting a Junior Nationalist Summer Day Camp program from June 13 through August 19.

This program will provide hands-on outdoor experiences for children ages seven to 14 that help stimulate curiosity, foster appreciation, and teach about the endless wonders of the Mojave Desert.

The program is divided into eight sessions and will cover topics in natural resources, desert ecology, geology/paleon-

tology, wildlife and more.

Registration began Sunday and each session is restricted to 15 children.

Total fees for the camp are \$90 and are due by June 10.

For more information regarding the camp, or for a registration packet, contact Rose Foster-Beardshear at (760) 252-6011.

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## Armed Forces Day Message

From Gen. Michael W. Hagee, Commandant of the Marine Corps

Armed Forces Day is a time set aside to strengthen the ties between the American people and their military services. It is both a day for a grateful citizenry to express its thanks to those who wear the cloth of the nation, and an opportunity to expand the public's awareness of the services, its soldiers, Sailors, airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen provide.

For our Corps, this day calls us to reflect upon our contributions to the nation's security as the world's foremost expeditionary war fighting organization. It remains a distinct honor and privilege to serve this great nation as we endeavor to prosecute the global war on terror, thereby protecting the nation's interest at home and

abroad, and further extending the hand of freedom to the world's oppressed.

We are at war, and while marking this day with parades, open houses, and celebrations, let us not forget our fellow Marines manning the line around the globe.

Today, we acknowledge the exceptional sacrifices of all of our service members, their families, and in particular those sidelined by their selfless and valorous service.

Marines, as we celebrate this 55<sup>th</sup> Armed Forces Day, know that the American people take great pride in their Marine Corps, and your continued magnificent performance is in keeping with the uncompromising heritage of our Corps.

# Izumi to speak at Asian Pacific Luncheon

Compiled by  
Barstow Log Staff

Robert Izumi was born in Southern California on Sept. 18, 1924 and attended school in Beverly Hills.

After the attack on Pearl Harbor, President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued Executive Order 9066, which permitted the military to evacuate and incarcerate more than 120,000 persons of Japanese ancestry in the name of national defense.

For the next two years, Izumi spent time at the Manzanar Internment Camp, one of 10 in California, until taken from there by an Iowa school teacher. He completed his education and volunteered and enlisted in the U.S. Army in June 1944.

Because the military was still segregated at the time, he attached to the 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team, an all-Japanese unit and one of the most decorated units for its size and length of service in military history.

Izumi spent three months with the unit until his transfer to 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division, where he was assigned to G Company, 506<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Regiment. While there, his unit made jumps in Italy, France and worked its way to Berchtesgaden, Austria, in the Bavarian Alps, the location of Hitler's hideout. The unit made its last jump in Joigny, France prior to being deactivated in November 1945.

Upon his return to the United States, Izumi transferred into the Army Air Corps in 1945, and in 1947 as a staff sergeant he decided to join the newly established U. S. Air Force.

His first Air Force assignment took him to Kunsan Air Base in Korea during the Korean War. During this tour his unit help build the Shinguan Orphanage, located just outside of Kunsan, to give unwanted children a safe place to live. For his efforts he received a Humanitarian Certificate from the president of South Korea.

While participating in his third war, the Vietnam War, Izumi helped save a downed American pilot, by successfully negotiating and getting permission from different village chiefs to cross their land to get the pilot. For his actions, he received the South Vietnamese Armed Forces Medal and a Bronze Star.

After serving in Vietnam, Izumi returned to the United States and was assigned to Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., to work with the astronaut program from 1967 to 1969. He spent one year in Okinawa, to assist with the return of Okinawa to the Japanese government, and upon completion of this assignment he was transferred back to Travis Air Force Base, and remained there until his retirement



Robert Izumi

from active service. He retired as a chief master sergeant in 1975.

Soon after retiring, Izumi got into civil service and took a job with what was then known as Special Services aboard Travis. When a billet for a wood hobby shop manager opened at MCLB Barstow, he immediately jumped at the opportunity, got the position and spent the next 20-plus years here until retiring from government service in September 2004.

## Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Luncheon

MCLB Barstow's Asian Pacific Islander Committee is scheduled to host its annual luncheon, to recognize the Asian Pacific Islander Month, May 25 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Oasis Club.

This year's theme is: "liberty and freedom for all."

Guest speaker for the event is Robert "Bob" Izumi, who retired from MCLB Barstow in September 2004 with nearly 60 years of combined service with the U.S. military and as a Department of Defense employee.

The menu will be heavy hors d'oeuvres with an island flavor. Tickets for the luncheon are no longer on sale. For more information, contact any one of the following committee members:

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# Click it or Ticket

Submitted by Gunnery  
Sgt. Michael Parker  
Base Safety



From Monday to June 5, drivers and their passengers will be surrounded with the strong message, "Click It or Ticket. If you won't buckle up to save your life, then buckle up to save yourself a ticket," MCLB Barstow military police join more than 13,000 law enforcement agencies in a nationwide crack down on seat belt law violators. The message to teens and young adults will be seen and heard in television and radio ads, across college campuses, over public high school public address systems and through enforcement in locations where young people congregate – such as schools and sporting events.

The two-week enforcement wave will be supported by more than \$30 million in Congressionally-funded national and state advertising. It is based on a proven public health model to increase belt use called "high visibility en-

forcement." Last year, the national Click It or Ticket push, with paid advertising, increased seat belt use by four percentage points – to 84 percent, the highest rate ever recorded.

"The only proven way to get significant increases in belt use among young people and ultimately save lives, is through high visibility enforcement, including targeted and intense advertising to alert people to the enforcement," said Gunnery Sgt. Michael Parker, safety specialist.

"Teens and young adults are killed at far higher rates in crashes because they are caught in a lethal intersection of inexperience, risk taking and low safety belt use. These tragedies are predictable and therefore preventable, using proven techniques like high visibility enforcement mobilizations."

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 4,530 teens ages 16-19, died and some 320,000 more were seriously injured in traffic crashes

in 2003. Drivers ages 15-20 account for 6.6 percent of licensed drivers (12.6 million), they represented 14 percent of all drivers involved in fatal crashes and 16 percent (1,862,000) of police reported crashes in 2002.

Teen seat belt use in states with strong belt laws is consistently and substantially higher, presenting compelling evidence of the need to enact primary laws throughout the United States, according to a new analysis of government fatality data.

The analysis was based on data from the Fatality Analysis Reporting System. The NHTSA database that contains information on virtually all fatal crashes on public roads in the U.S. FARS data is deemed very precise because belt use at the time of a fatality is determined and recorded.

The data showed that teenage drivers in states with a secondary seat belt law were far less likely to be buckled up in fatal crashes. Forty-nine percent of fatally injured teenage drivers were buckled up in crashes occurring in primary law states,

compared to 30 percent in secondary law states. This underscores the need for both the enactment of primary laws and their continued strict enforcement.

"While national seat belt use stands at 84 percent, we know the remaining 16 percent who don't wear their seat belts are disproportionately teens and young men ages 18-34. Safety belt use for teens and young adults ages 16-24 is about 69 percent and continues to lag behind the rest of the population," said Parker. It's important to note that this is a daytime belt use number. We know that nighttime belt use is much lower among teens and young adults.

During the national Click It or Ticket Mobilization, officers will intensify enforcement of safety belt laws and child passenger safety laws by setting up checkpoints and saturation patrols. Drivers failing to restrain themselves and their child passengers will be ticketed according to the law.

"Enforcement gets people to buckle up – seat belt use in states that conduct high visibility en-

forcement is 10 to 15 percentage points higher than in states that simply conduct public education," said Staff Sgt. James Daly, traffic safety officer.

"If every state conducted high visibility enforcement, we would save 5,000 to 7,000 lives each year."

High visibility enforcement relies on periods of intense enforcement of seat belt laws coupled with aggressive advertising and media outreach to let people know about the enforcement. For many non-seat belt users, and especially young people, the threat of a ticket has proven to be a greater inducement to buckle up than the threat of injury or death.

"This mobilization is designed to get the enforcement message out to our most vulnerable populations, but it is a reminder to all of us that buckling up can save us a ticket and may save us our lives," said Chuck Hurley, executive director of the Air Bag & Seat Belt Safety Campaign.



# Knowing symptoms may prevent cardiovascular accidents

**By Dr. David A. Nieman**  
Marine and Family Services

If you are like most people, a cardiovascular accident sounds like some kind of drink at a fancy club or a new wonder drug. Well it is neither. To have a CVA means that the person had a stroke. So what is a stroke? Do you ever find yourself thinking, well I have no idea what a CVA is but a stroke, of course I know what that is. We all know it is bad and something you do not want to have happen to you, but in plain English what is a stroke?

First of all, a stroke is dangerous no matter what doctor or what expert you may ask. The American Heart Association says strokes are extremely dangerous, accounting for more than 160,000 deaths in 2001.

When a person has a stroke it means that there has been a sudden interruption in the blood supply of the brain. Most strokes are caused by an abrupt blockage of arteries leading to the brain (ischemic stroke). Other strokes are caused by bleeding into brain tissue when a blood vessel bursts (hemorrhagic stroke). When the symptoms of a stroke last only a short

time (less than an hour), this is called a transient ischemic attack (TIA) or mini-stroke.

What are the symptoms of a stroke? Before answering that question, let me say very clearly, if you have these symptoms, call for immediate help, no lollygagging around wondering if you should go get help.

The Five Most Common Stroke Symptoms Include:

- Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body
- Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding
- Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes
- Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, or loss of balance or coordination
- Sudden severe headache with no known cause

Now for you really tough people, who may be thinking, “I only have three of these symptoms and I am obviously not in any danger.” That kind of thinking may cause you a lot of pain and suffering down the road of life or it could even cost you your life. These symptoms are very serious, do not take a chance for your self or that person who may be with you. Call 911 if

you see or have any of these symptoms because treatment can be more effective if given quickly.

Other important but less common stroke symptoms can include:

- Sudden nausea, fever and vomiting distinguished from a viral illness by the speed of onset (minutes or hours vs. several days)
- Brief loss of consciousness or period of decreased consciousness (fainting, confusion, convulsions or coma)

Risk factors for a stroke means that if you have these conditions already you are more at risk for having a stroke. The most important treatable conditions linked to stroke are:

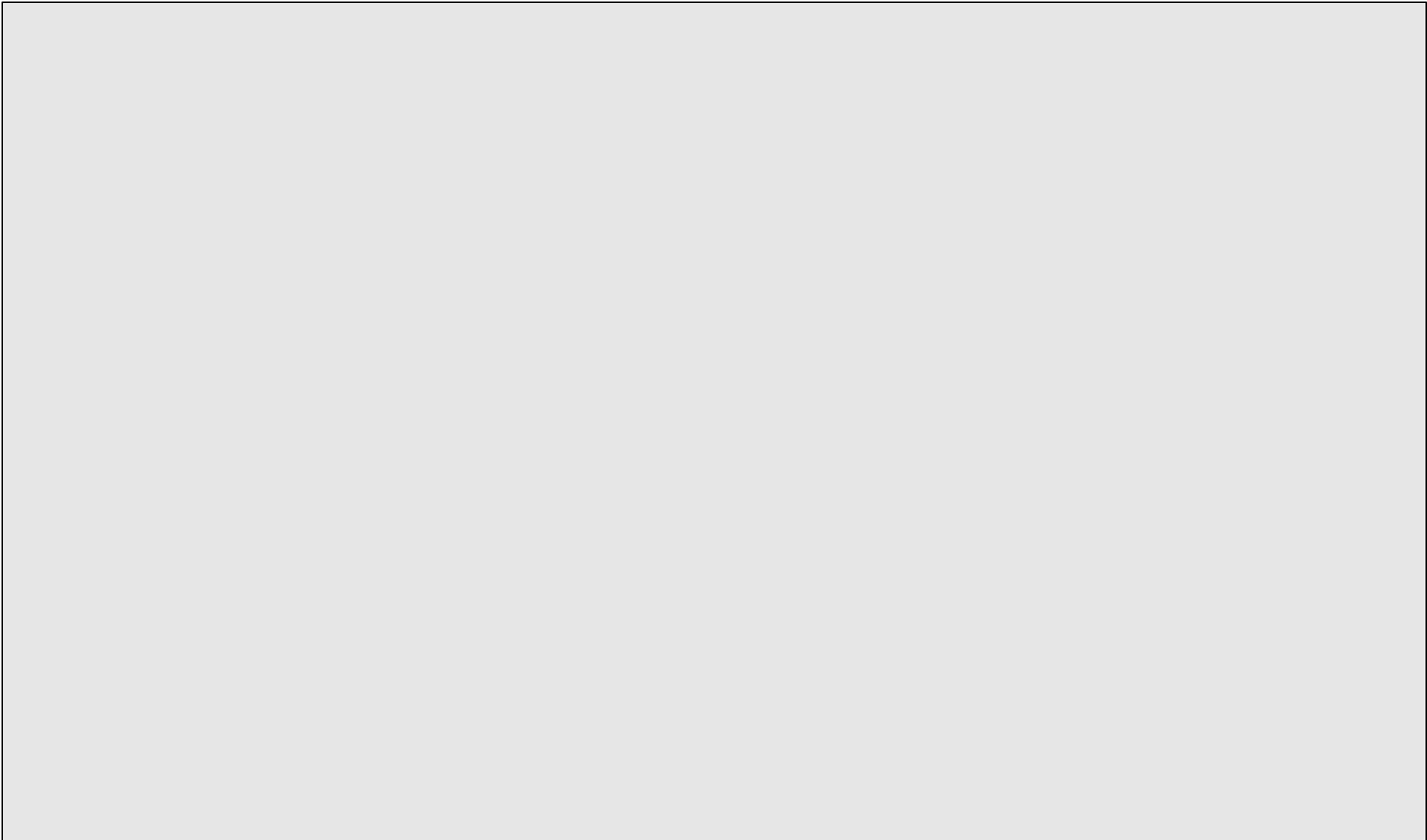
- High blood pressure. Treat it. Eat a balanced diet, maintain a healthy weight, and exercise to reduce blood pressure. Drugs are also available.
- Cigarette smoking. Quit! Medical help is available to help quit.
- Heart disease. Manage it. Your doctor can treat your heart disease and may prescribe medication to help prevent the formation of clots. If you are over 50, NINDS scientists believe you and your doctor should make a decision about aspirin therapy.

- Diabetes. Control it. Treatment can delay complications that increase the risk of stroke.
- Transient ischemic attacks. Seek help. TIAs are small strokes that last only for a few minutes or hours. They should never be ignored and can be treated with drugs or surgery.

What to do if you feel a stroke may be happening to you or someone with you? Not all warning signs occur in every stroke. Don’t ignore signs of stroke, even if they go away!

- Check the time. You’ll be asked this important question later.
- If you have one or more stroke symptoms that last more than a few minutes, don’t delay! Call 911 immediately or the emergency medical service number so an ambulance (ideally with advanced life support) can quickly be sent for you.
- If you’re with someone who may be having stroke symptoms, immediately call 911 or the EMS. Expect the person to protest - denial is common. Don’t take “no” for an answer. Insist on taking prompt action.

For more information on cardiovascular accidents, call The American Stroke Association at 1-888-4-STROKE.



# Finance office withdraws from Barstow

By Lance Cpl. Nich Babb  
Combat Correspondent

The finance office at Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow is preparing to pick up and relocate its

Marines to units throughout the Corps this summer in an effort to better support the Corps' overall mission. It is estimated that by June 30 financial services provided by the finance office will be turned

over to MCRD San Diego.

The move will put more finance Marines in a position where they can be deployed in support of combat operations, said Gunnery Sgt. Eric Garrett, finance chief.

The units that the Marines are transferring to are the 1st Force Service Support Group, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., the 2nd FSSG, MCB Camp Lejeune, N.C., the 3rd FSSG, Okinawa, Japan, the Marine Corps Recruit Depots, Parris Island, S.C., and San Diego and the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Kansas City, Mo., according to Garrett.

Some of the duties of the finance office, which are handled by auditing, finance and accounting Marines, range from completing travel claims for Marines to giving a Marine separations pay, said Lance Cpl. Jeremy Foreman, separations clerk.

Despite not being a physical presence on the base, there should not be any effect on the customers when it comes to their financial needs, said Garrett.

The reason for this is because all MCLB patrons who have any financial problems can address them with the personnel division.

"Admin, is the customer service element, they take the information that the member gives them, fills out the appropriate forms, and sends the information to us," said Foreman.

Barstow's finance Marines are

not the only Marines being moved to other locations, Garrett said.

Finance Marines from all bases are being moved to one of the six locations, which are still being used to handle the financial needs of the Corps.

With finance offices consolidating into fewer places, there are fewer locations to send financial forms to, which should result in more efficient mission accomplishment.

The Kansas City DFAS office, for example, has been preparing to bring in more Marines to help with the number of reserve pay problems that need to be sorted out after every rotation, said Garrett.

"After a Reserve unit comes back, the finance office gets six months behind," said Garrett.

Foreman says he is looking forward to moving to Kansas City, because it is going to be a new experience for him, and he is excited about living in a big city with its own football team.

Though the finance office is going to be non-existent in Barstow, there should be no delay when it comes to fixing financial problems, said Garrett. Personnel division is able to handle all pay problems.



Photo by Lance Cpl. Nich Babb

Personnel in the finance office, listen intently as Staff Sgt. John P. Kenney, pay and separations staff noncommissioned officer in charge, briefs them on plans for their upcoming move. The finance office expects to be out of Barstow this summer.



# P-19 fire truck gains extra protection

Story and photos by  
Cpl. Jeremy Gadrow  
Combat Correspondent

On April 29, Maintenance Center Barstow began assembling armor kits for the P-19 fire truck. The kits were the first kits to be prototyped at the Maintenance Center since it was established, according to Rick Gilmore, armor project program manager.

“We have assembled armor kits for other vehicles in the past, but those kits were all prototyped in Albany and the plans were sent to us,” said Gilmore.

There have been 15 kits created so far at the Maintenance Center, and to date, no more orders have been

placed.

Numerous areas of the Maintenance Center were utilized to create the templates, and assemble the kits, said Gilmore.

“The key shops involved in the process were Cost Work Center 741, machine shop, CWC 742 sheet metal, CWC 743, welding, CWC 748, paint, and CWC 746, steam and blast,” said Gilmore. “Those are the shops that had to process the armor plates when they were received.”

Templates for the kits were created in early March, after the project was funded, and sent to a third party organization so the armor plates could be cut.

“(The Maintenance Center)

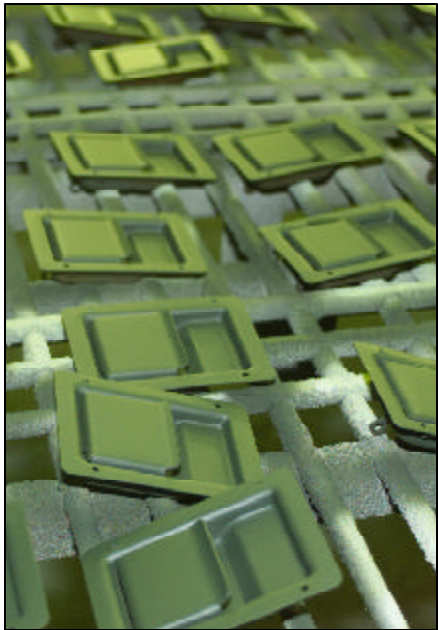
doesn’t have the machine capacity to cut the metal in the timeframe that is given for the requirement to be met,” said Gilmore. “The company that we sent the templates to can process many sheets of metal at the same time. There were close to 400 armor plates that needed to be cut.”

So many sheets of metal would put a lot of strain on a vehicle, but the workers at Maintenance Center Barstow were very surprised when the vehicle was tested.

Though the kits weigh in excess of one ton, there are essentially no effects on the vehicle’s abilities to handle, drive or operate properly, said Gilmore.

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Dozens of armored door handles for the P-19 fire truck armor kit dry on a rack April 29 at Maintenance Center Barstow.



With the new armor kit installed, this P-19 prototype is the only one of its kind. The vehicle has been thr



# on with armor prototyped at MCB

was to take it on a test drive,” said Gilmore. “We did over 100 miles on our test track over the bumps and hills with the vehicle full of water. The test drivers couldn’t tell any difference in performance with the kit installed.”

There is no set plan yet as to how the kits will be installed on the vehicles, said Gilmore.

“There are several scenarios being examined right now,” he said. “One scenario is to bring Marines from Miramar to the Maintenance Center and teach them how to install the kits, then they will take the kits with them to deploy and install them there.”

Other scenarios include workers from MCB traveling to Miramar to teach Marines how to install the kits,

or deploying civilian workers from the Maintenance Center to install the kits overseas. Though the P-19 armor kit was the first kit to be prototyped by MCB, it probably won’t be the last, said Gilmore.

“There could be other prototype efforts coming along,” he said. “There has been talk about ambulances and other projects, which need protection.”

Due to the protective nature of this project, it has been a high priority since it began in February.

“The workers here recognize that armor plating is a high priority overseas,” said Gilmore. “They’re very excited to be able to support the Marines.”



Above: Rick Gilmore, armor project program manager, lays out painted sheets of armor ready for assembly. These particular pieces of armor will be utilized to create the door on the P-19 fire truck armor kit. Below: sparks fly as a sheet of metal is ground down in preparation for welding April 29. This sheet of metal will be used as a door for the P-19 armor kit, which was prototyped at Maintenance Center Barstow.



n through 100 miles of test driving and has proved to be unencumbered by the added weight.

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crafted the idea of suspending a safety net below. Strauss had a trapeze net brought to the worksite and suspended it from end to end beneath the bridge floor. With the renewed assurance of the safety net, the work moved faster. Men had more confidence as they worked, some finding the courage to jump from iron work to iron work and walk around hundreds of feet above the water without any harnessing at all. All this was because they knew that if they were to lose their footing, the safety net would catch them. All in all, 19 men used the net and their lives were saved.

Can you imagine the peace of mind that came to these men when they realized that net was provided for their safety? No longer did they have to work gingerly, but they were free to meet the task with their full effort.

What an illustration for our

spiritual walk! So often we allow fear and worry to paralyze us so that we become ineffective in our walk with the Lord. We should never let that happen, for we too have a safety net. That safety net is Jesus Christ Himself. Consider what God says in Isaiah 41:10 "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."

You see, there is no need for worry. As a child of God, who has a relationship through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, you are free to cast off the fear and worry and walk freely with Him. He is the one who provides for your safety. Do not let the affairs of this world block your view of the One who is protecting you and providing for you. Remember, if a sparrow cannot fall with His knowing, then how can you fall without Him knowing. (Matthew 10:29-31).

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proved," Rumsfeld said.

The secretary explained that the number of closures and realignments is smaller than many people expected. He said this is in part because of the consideration of military surge capability, an increase in active duty end-strengths and the DoD plan to bring about 70,000 service members back from overseas bases.

The chairman said the imperative is for the U.S. military to transform to meet the challenges of today and those of the future. BRAC is not a "stand-alone event," Myers said to the commissioners. He urged them to view the process as rooted in the new National Defense Strategy and National Military Strategy.

Myers said the department's Global Basing Strategy also helped inform the decision. Finally, he said the Quadrennial Defense Review also helped

DOD decisionmakers.

Since the recommendations became public, many people have asked why the department is closing bases in a time of war. "The answer is because the changes are essential in helping us win in this conflict," Rumsfeld said.

The secretary said the changes, if adopted by the commission, the president and ultimately, the Congress, will help relieve stress on the military, will allow forces to work more jointly, better protect the forces and help to properly equip U.S. troops. "We must do all that we can to identify and remove all the excess that exists to be better able to address those pressing needs to help the warfighter," Rumsfeld said.

Ultimately, the warfighter and the taxpayer benefit from BRAC, said the secretary.



Photo by Curt Lambert

Barstow City Mayor, Lawrence Dale, and MCLB Base Commander, Col. Steven Thompson, listen as an overall brief of the base and its operations is given during the first stage of the MCLB-sponsored Community Leaders Tour.



# Marines, sailor return after nearly four decades

By Gunnery Sgt. Kent Flora  
Marine Barracks 8th & I

MARINE BARRACKS, WASHINGTON -- Gone, but never forgotten. Three Marines and one Navy corpsman on a reconnaissance mission deep in the jungles of Vietnam have finally come home. This homecoming puts a close on the chapter of four lives cut short the night of May 10, 1967.

The families of 2nd Lt. Heinz Ahlmeyer Jr., Sgt. James N. Tycz, Petty Officer 3rd Class Malcolm T. Miller and Lance Cpl. Samuel A. Sharp Jr. can finally put an end to the long wait and wipe away the tears of years gone by.

Arlington National Cemetery, the final resting place for America's honored heroes, was the backdrop to the history-making event that saw hundreds of friends, service members and families pay tribute to the men of

Alpha Company, 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, who gave the ultimate sacrifice 38 years ago.

Flags were presented to family members during the interment ceremony. Irene Healea, sister to Ahlmeyer, originally from Pearl River, N.Y.; Phillip Tycz, brother to Tycz, originally from Milwaukee; Sandra Keheley, sister to Miller, originally from Tampa, Fla.; and Nellie Irene Sharp, mother of Sharp, originally from San Jose, Calif., all accepted flags on behalf of their families. Sharp was buried Saturday in San Jose and was honored at the ceremony.

The four men were part of a reconnaissance patrol operating near the Marine Base at Khe Sanh and came under enemy attack in the very early morning hours of May 10, 1967, while occupying a defensive position. They were killed at the onset of the engagement, but due to hostile fire, their bodies could not be

recovered when the rest of the patrol was extracted by helicopter later that morning.

The Marines of the Corps' "oldest post" were entrusted with the ceremonial duty of laying their brothers to rest.

The Body Bearers of B Company here, have the duty of burials at ANC.

The 28th Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Paul X. Kelley (ret.) escorted the funeral procession.

"It is truly an honor to be here today and be part of this event," said the former commandant.

Former commanding officer of 1st Force Reconnaissance Battalion and current Marine Barracks Washington executive officer, Lt. Col. A.J. Copp, said the ceremony was significant because not only did it bring closure to the families and teammates of these heroic service men, but it also demonstrated the resolve of the govern-

ment in recovering our MIAs.

"I can think of no greater honor than attending this interment, particularly after commanding reconnaissance Marines in combat myself," Copp said. "With General Kelley's presence, as well as the former 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion Veterans and friends of the Corps, it truly was a significant event and profound reinforcement of our Corps' motto—Semper Fidelis." Even with the tears shed by fellow Marines who served with the men in the Quang Tri Province of South Vietnam, there is relief—relief that their brothers have returned home.

"We all went over together, we all fought and now they have come home too," said Art Foss, President of Chapter 3 (Dumfries, Va.), Rolling Thunder. "We're not going to rest until we all come home."

Rolling Thunder is an organization that publicizes the issues concerning POWs and MIAs. Members educate the public of the many American prisoners of war that were left behind after all past wars. They help correct the past and protect the future veterans from being left behind should they become prisoners of war or missing in action.



Photo by Gunnery Sgt. Kent Flora

Marines from the Corps' 'oldest post,' Marine Barracks Washington, participate in a ceremony honoring three Marines and one Sailor killed during a reconnaissance patrol May 10, 1967 in South Vietnam.

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Applicants interested in the above positions should submit resumes online at the following Web sites: <https://chart.donhr.navy.mil> or <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov>. For information regarding Open Continuous announcements point your browser to <http://www.donhr.navy.mil>. For more information concerning job announcements visit the Self-Service Center, Building 236, Mondays through Fridays from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. or call the Human Resources Office at 577-6357/6279/6481. This is not an official list. Please see the Web sites listed for a complete list.







### Armed Forces Day Special

In recognition of Armed Forces Day, the Bowling Center is saying "Thank You" to all active duty Military!

On Saturday, the Bowling Center is giving complimentary bowling and shoe rental to all active duty military that come in that day!

Stop by the Bowling Center Wednesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. for fun at a price you can afford.

Don't forget about the Bowling Center's Birthday Club for ages 12 years and younger. Sign your child up for free!

### New Parents Support Program

Here is a look at the June

schedule for New Parent Support Program:

Expectant Parents Class will meet June 7, from 12:15 to 4 p.m., for parents in their 26th week of pregnancy or over.

Learn prenatal exercises, signs of labor and preterm labor, pain control, breathing and birthing ball exercises, and much, much more!

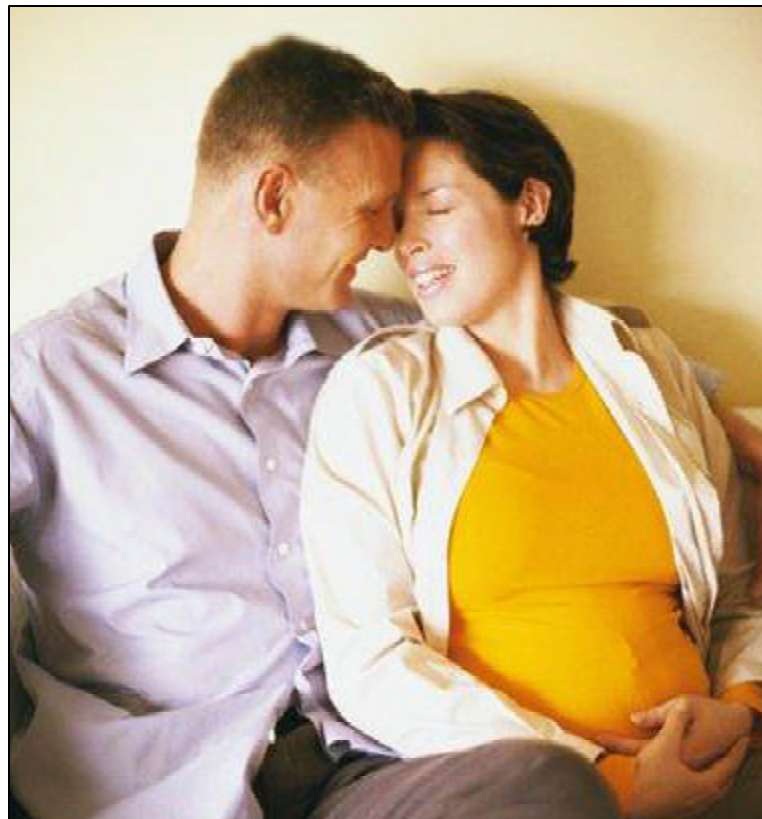
The anesthesia class and Weed Army hospital tour will be scheduled following this class!

Class includes free diapers, breast-feeding supplies, infant t-shirt and other great "freebies!"

Join the next Hot Topics! Class "Baby Gym: Exercise for Kids to Develop Both Sides of the Brain," June 14 from 3 to 4 p.m.

Let New Parents Support Program help you with all of your parenting needs!

Call 577-6533 or 577-6332 to



register today!

Playmornings

Join us June 1 and June 8 at

YAC, 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Call 577-6332 or 6533 to sign up, or for more information about Playmornings.

### MCCS Happenings

#### Today

BBQ Your Own Ribs at the Oasis Club starts at 5 p.m.

Family Night Dining at the Family Restaurant from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Asian Night

#### Friday

TGIFriday Family Night at the Oasis at 5 p.m. and Enlisted Club at 6 p.m.

#### Saturday

Family Make & Take Project Time at the Ceramics Studio 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Bar & Grill Night at the Enlisted Club at 5 p.m.

#### Sunday

Bar & Grill with Basketball! at the Enlisted Club.

#### Monday

Karaoke Night! at the Oasis Club.

Bar & Grill Night! at the Enlisted Club starting at 5 p.m.

#### Tuesday

Burn your own Steak Night at the Oasis Club begins at 5 p.m.

#### Wednesday

Playmornings 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Base Library

Midweek Relaxation Hour at the Enlisted Club at 6 p.m.







